

REPORTED \$66,500 HOLD-UP OF 7 BY 7 MYSTIFIES POLICE

Unusual Features Mark Story of Robbery in Connecticut Screen Company's Office.

VICTIMS ARE EVASIVE.

Safe Bears Name of Man Accused by Dry Agent—No Arrests in Big Gem Theft.

There are so many unusual features connected with the reported hold-up yesterday in the office of the Connecticut Screen Company, No. 118 West 25th Street—directly opposite the Prohibition Enforcement office—in which cash and jewelry to the amount of \$66,500 were taken, that the police said today they expected developments which will be quite as unusual when they had finished with the case.

The robbers in this case, as well as those who, at about the same time (that Joseph Malinowski, secretary of the jewelry office of Katsky & Co., No. 206 Broadway, and made off with jewels valued at between \$30,000 and \$50,000, are still at large.

The robbery in West 25th Street, according to the story told by the seven men who were in the place, was committed by seven armed men who entered at about 1 o'clock and ordered everyone to put up his hands.

Murray Birnbaum, who said he was Vice President of the Connecticut Screen Company, told the police that he and his associates were backed against the wall. Then the bandit leader directed them to lie on the floor. The victims were told to keep watching the floor and threatened with death if they made an outcry. The first man in the line was Birnbaum. He said that he lost \$1,500 in cash and three diamond rings worth \$10,000. In addition, Birnbaum said they took two revolvers from him that he always carried to protect himself. The man next to Birnbaum was Samuel Cohen, a real estate man, who said he lost \$5,000 in cash, several rings, a diamond pin and valuable papers which he could not place a value on.

Mr. Sweetwood, who refused to tell reporters where he lived or his occupation, was searched next, according to the story. Mr. Sweetwood said he did some fast thinking while Birnbaum and Cohen were being searched and slipped a \$10,000 diamond ring off his finger and threw it in a waste basket before the "boss robber" searched him. He only had \$700, which was taken.

The next man on the floor was Joseph Millstein, who would not give his home address, but said he lived at Sea Gate, Coney Island, during the summer. He said he slipped a \$10,000 diamond ring from his finger and pushed it into Cohen's coat pocket after the latter had been searched. He did not have time to slip \$150 in cash into Cohen's pocket, and lost the roll.

Two of the men who chanced to be in the office, Harry Donohue and Theodore O'Connor, were robbed of jewelry, they reported, amounting to \$5,000 and \$2,500 respectively. Charles Stern, who said he was known as "Broadway Charlie," declared that \$15,000 "in change" had been taken from his pockets.

Birnbaum would not say much about the business of the Connecticut Screen Company. The store has heavy bars on the window and a complete burglar alarm system. There is no furniture except a safe, which has the name of Mannie H. Kessler printed on the front of it. Mr. Kessler is now out on bail waiting trial on an indictment charging kidnapping.

When Birnbaum was searched, he was found to have a Prohibition Enforcement officer. Other charges are pending against him.

WIFE URGES LIMIT FOR HER HUSBAND

Brown, McAlpin Hotel Beat, Had Deserted Her and Elope With Another.

A correctly dressed, prematurely gray, scholarly looking man wearing large horn rimmed spectacles was arraigned in the Court of Special Sessions under the name of S. H. Brown today on a charge of beating a board bill of \$58.45 at the Hotel McAlpin. He asked that the records be changed to show that his right name is Percy Brown and he is thirty-seven years old, and then Probation Officer Jim Swan proceeded to relate the recent history of Percy's life which, he said, included wife desertion and elopement. He came to this city with a Kansas City woman, Swan said, whom he abandoned at the Hotel McAlpin after pawning her fur coat and diamond ring.

When Justices Presch, Herrman and Murphy had digested this recital Swan read a letter from Mrs. Brown, of Maywood, Ill. She said she hoped the Court would not be influenced by her second degree, with a recommendation for mercy. Cy Oberman, on trial with Gleason, was found guilty of murder in the second degree, with a recommendation for mercy. The jury de- liberated five hours and twenty minutes.

GUilty IN SECOND DEGREE.

The pleading of Mrs. Augusta Emile Males, the first woman attorney in New Jersey to defend a man accused of murder, faced yesterday to win acquittal for the murder of Policeman John Ritter of Hightstown Park, N. J., on Jan. 10.

At 10:55 o'clock last night the jury announced a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree, with a recommendation for mercy. Cy Oberman, on trial with Gleason, was found guilty of murder in the second degree, with a recommendation for mercy. The jury de- liberated five hours and twenty minutes.

Harding Administration's "Cabinet Ladies"

Practical Women, Not Society Butterflies



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Those Who Predicted Social Brilliance After March 4 Are Likely to Be Sorely Disappointed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Disappointment making pangs arising from the Harding Cabinet, the women of the Harding Cabinet.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Harding the social side of official life in Washington is expected to show more gaiety than at any time since the Roosevelt Administration because of her proved ability as a hostess, but the feeling is growing that the hopes of those who counted upon a continuous four years' round of pleasure will be dashed.

Taking the departmental posts in order of their rank, the Cabinet ladies present the following pictures:

Mrs. Charles Evans Hughes, Wellesley graduate. One of their three children, Catherine, also an alumna of that college. Mrs. Hughes is conservative, has simple tastes and is more devoted to educational work than society.

Mrs. John W. Weeks has been extremely popular in the Washington social set for many years and is considered one of the most cultured women in the capital. She is a member of several clubs, is fond of bridge and is widely traveled.

Mrs. Henry M. Daugherty has been an invalid for fifteen years and the new Attorney General is not planning on establishing a home here.

Mrs. Will Hays has been a Suffrage advocate "from the days when it was considered disgraceful." She accompanied her husband to the National convention in Chicago and mingled with the women there. She prefers caring for her young son rather than society.

Mrs. Edwin Denby has been active in Detroit society. She is the mother of two children.

Mrs. A. B. Fall, although a member of capital society for years, has never swept off her feet by it and likes Theodore Rivers, N. M. She is an authority on New Mexican history and is interested in road work.

Mrs. Henry C. Wallace is a garden enthusiast and a specialist at pansy raising. She is also a famous cook. The late Theodore Roosevelt praised her breakfast biscuits while in Des Moines on his last tour. She is the mother of several children and has six children, all grown.

Mrs. Herbert Hoover attended Stanford University at the same time as her husband. She is a graduate mining engineer and has aided Mr. Hoover in preparing several important books on metallurgy. She has never carried much for society. She has two boys, now in school in California.

Mrs. James J. Davis's social activities have been confined mostly to the women's branch of the I. O. O. F., of which organization her husband is the head. She has two children.

SIX SPECULATORS FINED \$10 EACH

Arrested in Front of Garden—Two Unable to Pay Go to Workhouse.

Six ticket speculators arrested in front of Madison Square Garden last night pleaded guilty when arraigned before Magistrate Ten Eyck in Night Court and each was fined \$10. Harry Greenberg of No. 235 West 49th Street and Max Davis of No. 1055 Prospect Avenue, Bronx, who were unable to pay the fines, were committed to the workhouse, for ten days each.



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EVERY LASSIE WILL HAVE HER LADDIE IF SHE WANTS IT SO

Autos and Movies Blamed for Immorality in High Schools—Sex Question Discussed.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Feb. 26.—Development of the community center was urged here today by Col. C. Seymour Bullock of South Bend, Ind., before the community center section of the National Education Association. His topic was "The Chamber of Commerce as a Promoter of Community Centres."

"We can't fool nature," he said, "by offering the adolescent girl an embroidery class or a prayer meeting especially for young ladies. Every normal girl wants the society of a young man and she is going to have it."

"The curfew bell will not solve the problem. The city girl is not going home to sit with an overworked, irritable mother in a dimly lighted, unattractive home, shared by several crying children. The country born girl will find some way, legitimate or otherwise, to gratify her wholly normal desire for company."

Denouncing the automobile as one of the prime causes for the "appalling immorality and riotous license" among high school boys and girls, Miss Lillian E. Dimmitt, Dean of Women, Morningside College, Sioux City, Ia., told the convention of the National Association of Deans of Women that the old system of chaperoneage should be put in vogue.

"The extreme social life," she said, "has found its way into the schools and colleges. High school girls are seriously in the public schools and colleges," said Dr. C. C. Gruenberg of the United States Public Health Service at the educational conference.

"The Government realizes keenly and is taking steps to combat this situation," Dr. Gruenberg asserted. "The duty of the schools is a matter of immorality has reached their very threshold. Thousands of their boys and girls are threatened and great numbers have already fallen victims as a result of laxness."

ADAM BLAMED EVE FOR VODKA IN HIS GARDEN OF EDEN

She Did All the Janitor Work and Made Hooch Under His Direction, She Swears.

THE story of Paradise Lost through too much hooch was before Magistrate Davis in the New York Avenue Court in Brooklyn today when Adam Krausoff came up for sentence on complaint of his wife Eve. The Magistrate sent Adam to the City Prison today for ten days.

Adam was janitor of the tenement house at No. 472 Rockaway Avenue, but it appeared that Eve did all the work. Into this garden of Eden came the serpent of vodka, which Eve made for Adam under the latter's instructions. In court on Wednesday he said the woman tempted him, and he drank, but she replied that he taught her how to make the vodka. Eve pleaded for Adam in vain. The charge was disorderly conduct.

The police say Martin admits that he held up the couple, taking \$3,000 worth of jewelry and \$150 in cash.

DRY AGENTS RAID WHITE PLAINS HOTEL

Prohibition Agents R. E. Gantle and H. B. Boyling mingled with politicians and lawyers last evening just long enough to buy a glass of whiskey over the bar of the New Standard House, No. 181 Main Street, White Plains, they allege. Arrest Thomas J. Cantlin as proprietor and Frank Huse of No. 78 White Street, Tarrytown, as bartender. The two were released in \$1,000 bail at Police Headquarters in White Plains on their assurance that they would appear Monday before Commissioner Hiltzcock in Federal District Court of New York to answer to a charge of selling whiskey. The arrest caused excitement, as the hotel is the headquarters of Democratic politicians in White Plains and the rendezvous of visiting lawyers. Hail was furnished by Patrick J. Murphy of No. 4 Mitchell Street, White Plains, a realty broker, and recently defeated Democratic nominee for the Assembly.

TAX EXEMPTION FOR NEW HOMES IN CITY NOW A LAW

Board of Estimate Approves Ordinance Designed to Encourage Building.

The tax exemption ordinance, the first real constructive effort of the City Administration to remedy the housing shortage, is a law today. The Board of Estimate has passed the measure already approved by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen.

It exempts from local taxation for a period of ten years \$5,000 of the assessed valuation of each new dwelling begun before April 1, 1921, and completed within a year from that time. Buildings that house more than one family will be entitled to the \$5,000 exemption for each.

In the Estimate Board only President La Guardia of the Board of Aldermen and Borough President, Van Name of Richmond voted against the measure.

President La Guardia renewed his efforts to have the ordinance amended by providing that "proteffing landlords" should be excluded from its benefits.

With the Mayor declining to vote, the amendment was lost by a vote of 5 to 4. Acting Borough President Sullivan of Queens alone siding with La Guardia. Robert E. Dowling of the Real Estate Board led the opposition from the floor. His objection was that the principle was wrong.

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Service-House Plan Stirs Many New Appeals for Aid For Our Wounded Heroes

DISABLED SOLDIERS' CARE TO BE THEME OF LEGION INQUIRY

Fox Hills Hospital Called Unfit—Others to Be Investigated.

The investigating committee of the American Legion, Department of New York, has decided to hold a series of public hearings to take testimony on the treatment of sick and disabled ex-soldiers in Government hospitals.

The hearings will be in the Board of Estimate rooms, City Hall, beginning Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

A statement issued yesterday said that the investigation had convinced the committee that "the situation undoubtedly warrants a Congressional investigation."

Such an investigation is likely to be appointed as soon as the Harding Administration comes into office. To this Congressional committee will be presented the findings of the American Legion.

The Legion's preliminary investigation was centered on Government Hospital 61, Fox Hills, N. Y., where there are approximately 1,000 ex-service men. Its report on this investigation makes the following charges:

The hospital buildings at Fox Hills are wholly unsuited for sick and wounded.

There is a lack of hospital discipline and control of patients. There is a lack of sufficient doctors and nurses.

Very unsanitary conditions were observed. For instance, dirty walls, dirty linen, accumulations of dirt in various places and dirty windows. The hospital is called a fire trap.

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Insufficient arrangements for vocational training. It is not a suitable place for the psychiatric cases, of which there are two wards.

It is not a suitable place for tuberculosis cases. The Government should at once provide other hospital facilities for the patients.

Legislation has already been introduced in Congress providing for an appropriation of \$18,000,000 for the construction and maintenance of five new hospitals and for 350 additional physicians, but the committee thinks this will not be enough.

When Will These Prices COME DOWN?

Profiteering in "Drugs," From Castile Soap to Colloid and Charcoal and Catnip Leaves, Is Unbelievably Brazen.

The Evening World, in its investigation of the prices charged by retail druggists for simple household remedies used to cure colds, coughs, aches and fever, continues to find almost unbelievable profits on the part of the retailer. In its findings thus far this paper has discovered that the wholesaler also clears a good profit, but his percentage is not as great as that of the retailer. Consider for a moment the following items:

Cocoa butter can be purchased from the producer for 28 cents a pound. The retailer buys it from the wholesaler for 32 cents. The customer pays 40 cents.

Colloid, to heal cuts, etc., costs the man with the price tag 10 cents an ounce. The wholesaler sells it for 12 cents a pound, after paying 32 cents for it. There are twelve apothecary ounces in a pound.

Magnolia, one of the best smelling flowers, costs the wholesaler 15 cents a pound. The retailer buys it for 21 cents and sells it for 30 cents an ounce. Figure it out for yourself.

Catnip leaves—good for either bedtime tea or to give the family feline a bit of frolic—costs the wholesaler 12 cents a pound. Every pound he disposes of to the retailer he makes a clear profit of 28 cents. The customer brews his tea from leaves which cost him 10 cents an ounce.

And as I never do say all I want to, can't you imagine what a nuisance I am.

Before I get my chance I am like the little girl when her mother had spotted by talking about her in her presence before others. On one occasion the child waited as long as she could stand it for the beloved subject to be started and then she said:

"Mamma, when are you going to begin to talk about me?"

Send all correspondence to Evening World Service House Fund, or write in person to me at Room 1125, Pulitzer Building.

B. R. T. THREAT IF CITY RUNS CARS

Garrison Says Service Over Williamsburg Bridge Will End—Not Brooklyn City R. R. Receiver.

Landley M. Garrison, receiver for the B. R. T. and subsidiary traction companies, sent a letter today to Grover Whalen, Commissioner of Plant and Structures, who recently complained about the action of the Brooklyn City Railroad Company in getting an injunction to prevent the city from building tracks on the Williamsburg Bridge structure over the company's tracks. Garrison reminds Whalen the Brooklyn City Railroad Company is no longer in receivership and he, Garrison, has nothing to do with it.

He also said when the city taken charge of the local car service on the bridge he will discontinue the through service now operated over the bridge by the companies of which he is receiver.

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More Contributions to Fund Received, Including Several From Those Who Resent One Person's Offer of 5 Cents.

By Lillian Bell.

Now my mail is beginning to make me sit up and take notice. The result of the 5-cent check sent to the Service House Fund the other day has stirred the people as it stirred me. I quote a few letters:

"Dear Miss Bell—I have just read about that woman who sent you that miserable nickel for our soldier boys. She must be a German."

"I am a real American boy, twelve years old, and it makes me sore to think she dared send you that filthy, so I am sending you the money I have saved since Christmas. I wish I had saved more."

"My cousin was with the Second Division and he is not very well, but is able to work. His medal shows he was on seven fronts during the war. I hope you will go over the top with the money you need, so here goes \$1.25."

—WILLIAM HERRA.

Bully for Billy Shea! My supporter! I wish I had ten thousand more boys' supporters of twelve years who had his boy and his patriotism. I just love boys and I understand them better than I do girls. Girls get me all fussed up, but with boys I can be perfectly natural.

Listen, Billy Shea. Why not form a club among your friends and raise money for this Service House? Call it The Jitney Insult Club. That very name ought to start something.

Write me if you will do this.

Now here is a very sweet letter from another Lillian. She spells her name with two L's in the middle. But I learned economy in war time, so I only use one L!

"Dear Miss Bell: Inclosed you will find another dollar to help wipe out the insult of a 5-cent check. I am sorry I have no bank account, so that I might write you out a check for five thousand, but you can believe me every cent available is yours for your 'bleasted' as you call them."

"If I may, I would like to tell you I was down to see Mr. Peterson today, but had the misfortune of being told he went to be operated on this P. M. Have tried to add a little cheer to his life by sending him some flowers to be in his room when he returns."

—LILLIAN B. PERKINSON, "No. 617 West 143d Street."

I am glad some one is sending Peterson flowers and going to see him. Everywhere I go I find friends of Peterson's. But his popularity has not spoiled him in the least.

Here is yet another pair of indignant friends from Trenton, N. J. "Dear Miss Bell: After reading your article in the Evening World of the check you received for 5 cents we decided to match same with a \$5 bill."

—MR. AND MRS. FRANK J. PECHT, "No. 1439 E. Clinton Ave., Trenton."

Just think where my special fund would be if every one matched a penny with a dollar. That is just what I am doing. Send me a dollar for every one of the miserable pennies in that "Jitney."

Now here is one I want to publish because of its last two lines. "Dear Miss Bell—Inclosed you will please find my small donation (\$1), which I would like to offer toward the fund for the building of a Service House for our boys."

"With best wishes for success in this your latest undertaking and also taking advantage of this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for a little lady who seems to be the only person in New York who never seems to tire of hearing our boys' names called."

I'll tell you, Mr. Queren, it may seem all very well for you who can read what you want to of my stories and when you have had enough you may lay 'em down. But have you ever thought of how my friends must suffer who have to listen to my talk?

So I assure you I am nothing short of a pest, because the only thing in the world which interests me is the subject of my "bleasted."

I suppose you are writing books—I used to write them myself—and getting married and being born—I've done both of those things too, but not recently, so let the world wag as it will, it touches me not at all.

If people talk of other things before me I wriggle around and look bored until somebody stops to cough, which gives me a chance to say, "I want to talk about